# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING OF FOODGRAINS
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether large quantity of wheat,rice and other foodgrains are being smuggled from the country to Nepal, Bangladesh and other neighbouring countries;

(b) if so,the details of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year,commodity-wise;

(c) the names of the States from where such smuggling is being carried out;and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check such smuggling in future?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(DR. SHAKEEL AHAMAD)

(a) & (b): The available information indicates instances of smuggling of wheat,rice and other foodgrains from India to Nepal and Bangladesh.The details of seizure of foodgrains made by the border guarding forces on these borders during the last three years and the current year are as under

Indo-Nepal Border

(Quantity in Kg)

| Item | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 (Till 10.11.2008) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat | 1300 | 9040 | 26215 | 14559 |
| Paddy & Rice | 67776 | 28375 | 39910 | 256487 |
| Sugar | 14007 | 4775 | 28952 | 34517 |
| Other foodgrains | 1403 | 1255 | 4618 | 7847 |

Indo-Bangladesh Border

(Quantity in Kg)

| Item | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 (Till 10.11.2008) |
|---|---|---|---|---|

Wheat 1170 815 2565 291122

Rice 18997 24344 29213 292773

Sugar 990543 140294 10644 320

Other foodgrains 471 252 237 79668

(c): Smuggling of foodgrains is reportedly being carried out from Uttar Pradesh and Bihar on Indo-Nepal border and West Bengal,Assam,Meghalaya,Tripura and Mizoram on Indo-Bangladesh border.

(d): Border guarding forces viz. Border Security Force and Sashastra Seema Bal are maintaining constant vigil along the borders to prevent illegal activities including smuggling of foodgrains. As a result of this vigil,large quantities of foodgrains have been seized on these borders.